

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The requisite Declaration is attached.

An Assignment and appropriate cover sheet are attached for recordation of the Assignment. Recordation and return of the recorded Assignment are requested.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. No new matter has been added. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.

Return of an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed March 3, 2006, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, is requested.

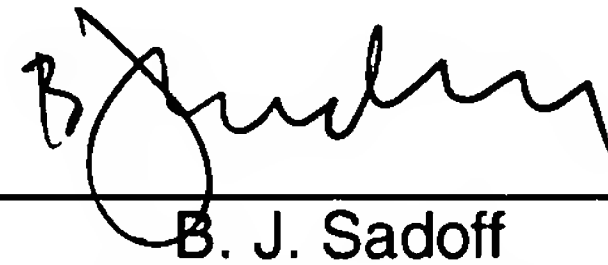
An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

The Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in response to the attached Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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